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SUBJECT MASSERA, VIDELA SPEAK ON BEAGLE CHANNEL THEME

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1. PRESIDENT VIDELA YESTERDAY (FEBRUARY 23)
REAFFIRMED HIS COUNTRY'S COMMITMENT TO THE
PROCESS RATIFIED IN THE PUERTO MONTT ACCORD AS
THE ONLY PEACEFUL PATH TO SETTLEMENT OF THE
BEAGLE CHANNEL DISPUTE. SPEAKING AS "PRESIDENT
OF THE NATION, AND, AS SUCH, RESPONSIBLE FOR THE
FOREIGN RELATIONS OF MY COUNTRY," VIDELA FIRMLY
REITERATED THAT FOR ARGENTINA, THE ARBITRATION
AWARD DOES NOT EXIST AND REAFFIRMED ARGENTINA'S
EXCLUSIVE ROLE IN THE ATLANTIC AND CHILES IN
THE PACIFIC. HE ALSO DECLARED THAT, ALTHOUGH
ARGENTINA WILL IN NO WAY ADMIT TO THE LOSS OF
ITS SOVEREIGNTY, IT HAS REJECTED THE PATH OF WAR
IN FAVOR OF THE LONG AND ARDOUS PATH OF PEACEFUL NEGOTIATIONS.
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RESOLUTION OF THE DISPUTE, SAID VIDELA, ADDING "THERE IS NO
OTHER COMMITMENT OUTSIDE THE ACT. NOTHING CAN BE ADDED TO THAT
STATEMENT. WHAT ISN'T FOUND THERE WILL NOT BE FOUND ANYWHERE
ELSE."

2. VIDELA'S SPEECH, UNANTICIPATED AND CAPPING A FULL DAY OF
HASTILY CALLED HIGH LEVEL MEETINGS AT ARMY HEADQUARTERS AND THE

GOVERNMENT HOUSE, WAS SEEN HERE IN PART AS A REPLY TO NAVY
CINC ADMIRAL MASSERAS STERN SPEECH IN TIERRA DEL FUEGO
FEBRUARY 22. ON THAT OCCASION, THE ROTATION OF MARINE
DETACHMENTS FROM THE RIO GRANDE NAVAL BASE IN THE FAR SOUTHERN
PROVINCE, MASSERA DECLARED THAT ARGENTINAS GENOROSITY HAD FOR A
LONG TIME BEEN MISTAKEN FOR UNWILLINGNESS TO ACT AND THAT THE
"TIME FOR WORDS WAS NOW COMING TO AN END. AT THXIS MOMENT, THE
ENTIRE COUNTRY IS LOOKING TO THE SOUTH, SURE THAT THE
GOVERNMENT OF THE ARMED FORCES IS NOT GOING TO TRADE ITS HONOR
AND THE PATRIMONY OF THE ARGENTINE PEOPLE FOR THE DECORATIVE
PRAISE OF THOSE WHO MASK THEIR WEAKNESSES AND INTERESTS WITH
TREACHEROUS APPEALS FOR PEACE," SAID MASSERA. HE ADDED THAT
ARGENTINA HAS FOR TOO LONG BEEN THE LOSER AND THAT THE ARMED
FORCES STOOD READY TO FULFILL THE PEOPLES MANDATE.

3. THE ARGENTINE JUNTA ISSUED A COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY RATIFYING
THE NEGOTIATIONS AGREEMENT SIGNED IN PUERTO MONTT FEBRUARY 20.

4. COMMENT: VIDELA, CAUGHT OFF BASE BY PINOCHETS STERN,
PRE EMTIVE SPEECH IN PUERTO MONTT ON MONDAY, WAS APPARENTLY
FURTHER GOADED BY MILITARY --AND POSSIBLY HIS OWN--DISPLEASURE
AT HIS RELEATIVELY PLACID REPLY AND FINALLY BY MASSERAS
ABRUPT AND UNVEILED CRITICISM OF ARGENPNAS REPRESENTATION ON
THE BEAGLE CHANNEL ISSUE. YESTERDAYS FLURRY IN ARMY
HEADQUARTERS AND THE UNCHARACTERISTIC VIDELA REPLY TO
CRITICISM OF HIS HANDLING OF THE BEAGLE NEGOTIATIONS ILLUSTRATES
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